

# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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This summer has certainly been a challenging one. While we continue to meet virtually and in-person with our County Commissioners, COVID Taskforce, Recover Wilson, and many other important groups, there are still many goals to accomplish. As Independence Day is celebrated in July, I would like to share a story of six men from Wilson County who served in the U.S. Army together in World War II. Five of these men enlisted together on the same day in 1942, and the sixth man enlisted one week later. These men all became cooks, saw battle action and by some miracle served the duration of their deployment together in the 985th Ordinance Depot Company. Their names were Leonard J. Ballard, Clayton Foster, Joe Graves, Ernest Hunter, Fitzhugh McCown, and Houston McCartney. I was privileged to meet with the children of some of these brave men last month at the Wilson County Veterans Museum, where they shared treasured memories of their fathers. Hearing this incredible story about local veterans is such an inspiration. Christopher Reeve said, "Once you choose hope, anything's possible." It is because of the hope and bravery that filled our veterans' hearts that we celebrate our freedom in July. Please remember the brave men and women that have kept our hope alive. Throughout the months ahead, we will continue to hope for a better tomorrow. I wish everyone a happy and safe July!

Randal Huth

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# Commissioner Spotlight: Diane Weathers District 16



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## Wilson County LANDFILL

WILL ACCEPT:

-Drywall

-Wood

-Blocks

-Sheetrock

-Brick

-Vegetation, treelimbs, etc.

Tipping fees will apply.

It will be the homeowners' responsibility to submit receipt(s) to their insurance company for reimbursement, if possible.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO 615.449.6684

#### **BLUE RIBBONS FOR BUSINESSES**

Numerous businesses in Wilson County are receiving blue ribbons as part of a countywide initiative to encourage best business practices. The Lebanon/Wilson County, Mt. Juliet, and Watertown Chambers of Commerce are awarding businesses who have taken the Tennessee Pledge with blue ribbons sponsored by Action Restoration. This initiative began with the purpose of praising local businesses that go above and beyond for their customers and employees. The Tennessee Pledge supports best business practices for industries, along with continued social distancing. The goal of the Tennessee Pledge's plan is to help Tennesseans get back to work and aid our state's economy. The Pledge asks that employees of these small businesses and industries commit to protecting themselves, their co-workers, and their customers. The Plan also encourages Tennesseans to follow the CDC's recommended guidelines. Blue ribbons are displayed in the front windows of businesses who have taken the Tennessee Pledge. They are being recognized for their commitment to their business, employees, customers, and their community. The ribbons alert potential customers that these businesses are doing everything they can to keep their customers and employees safe. Customers can make their purchases with confidence that all the necessary precautions are being taken. If you are a business owner and would like to be a part of the Blue Ribbon Initiative, contact your nearest local chamber for more information on how you can receive your own blue ribbon!



## Spotlight on the Office of...

#### THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Register of Deeds Office is our spotlight article for the month of July. The Register of Deeds is a constitutional office established by the Tennessee Legislature as a custodian of legal documents that relate to real property. Nearly every citizen will invest in real property at some point in his or her lifetime. Many times, it will be the largest investment that a person ever makes. The records recorded in the Register of Deeds Office date as far back as 1796. Therefore, the integrity of these records is crucial. A few types of documents that this office records are: Affidavit of Heirship, By laws, Charters, Decree, Military Discharge, Easements, Greenbelt, Deeds, Judgments, Liens, Releases, Plats, Ouitclaims, Orders and Trust Deeds (Mortgages). The Register of Deeds is an elected position, which serves a 4-year term. Jackie Murphy, the Register, appreciates all customers and is here to serve the citizens as they so deserve. The Register of Deeds Office staff consists of: Jackie Murphy, Register; Beth Howard, Assistant; Sue Shelton, Deputy/Bookkeeper; Misty Thomas, Chief Deputy; Leanne Atwood, Deputy; Wendy Symoens, Deputy; Jill Coffman, PT Deputy; Jill Wrather, PT Deputy; Jacque Dillard, PT Deputy. In addition to the employees is Deputy Dog "Tucker Murphy" sworn in by Judge Tatum in 2018. He is loyal and devoted to his work and socializing as needed! The staff of the Register of Deeds Office assists Wilson County citizens with prompt, courteous and efficient customer service. The staff realizes that each customer has their own individual needs. Therefore, they provide excellent customer service, whether a customer's needs pertain to the Register of Deeds Office or not. The Register of Deeds Office have implemented the "Fraud Alert Program" for the citizens with the latest technology. The "Fraud Alert Program" monitors 24/7 and is no cost to customers. Along with this program is the "Thank A Vet Program." This program is no cost to Veterans and encourages local businesses involved to show their appreciation to Veterans by offering discounts at participating businesses. The Register of Deeds Office is working to transfer all documents in the system with the new Kip 70 Series Plat Machine and the Pro Scan 3000. This will assist numerous people who search for records on the website. As of now, the Register of Deeds Office has deeds in their system that date as early as 1892. This office accepts E-files, various types of mail and walk-ins. Stop in to visit or call the Register of Deeds at 615/443-2611. The office is open Monday-Friday between 8:00AM - 4:00PM. To learn more, visit www.wilsondeeds.com or email the Register, Jackie Murphy at jackie.murphy@wilsoncountytn.gov.





Right Photo: Jackie Murphy, Register, and Tucker Murphy, Deputy Dog.



County Clerk's Office

(615)444-0314

Trustee's Office

(615)444-0894

**Register of Deeds** 

(615)443-2611

**Property Accessor** 

(615)444-8661

**Planning Office** 

(615)444-2836

Mayor's Office

(615)444-1383

**Finance Office** 

(615)443-2630

**Human Resources** 

(615)466-5122

**Veterans Services Office** 

(615)444-2460



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY





DO YOU SEW?

WANT TO HELP?

#### ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project was started by the Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education (TAFCE). The purpose of this project is to sew face masks for Tennessee healthcare workers. Our Facebook group shares reliable information and offers troubleshooting tips as well as connects volunteers to their specific county needs.

For more info, join our Facebook group or contact your local county Extension FCS agent.

#### https://tiny.utk.edu/TAFCEmasksoflove



To make a monetary donation, please visit

https://tiny.utk.edu/MOL

Under Direct my gift to:

» A Specific Fund (I'd like to choose)
» Education Programs

» Select a Program: Masks of Love



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#### VETERANS MURAL UNVEILING

Wilson County is a Certified member of the Tennessee ThreeStar Program. It is through this program that Wilson County strives to "Beautify" the area through art. The Wilson County Visitor & Convention Bureau and a committee of community leaders with a passion for art organized the murals project in 2019. The Veterans Mural unveiling took place on July 1st near the Wilson County Veterans Service Office. This mural, painted by Brad VanHook, was designed as a "Thank You" to the service members and veterans of Wilson County. The wall is located across the Wilson County Veterans Museum and was donated by Darrell and Lisa Noble, owners of Cedar City RV. The mural unveiling began with several speakers, including Wilson County Tourism Director Jason Johnson, Wilson County Veterans Services Director ZaBrina Seay, Susan Shaw with the Wilson County Mayor's Office, City of Lebanon Mayor Bernie Ash, Artist Brad VanHook, and Lisa Noble. Numerous veterans, service members, and their families stood by to witness the mural's unveiling. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the creation of this mural! All are welcome to stop by and see the mural, as well as take a selfie and post your photo with #PaintWilco!







#### STILL TIME TO COMPLETE 2020 CENSUS

It is not too late to respond to the Decennial Census by going to <u>2020census.gov</u> and filling out your census form online if you have not already done so. This is the primary way that State and local Governments receive local shares of money from your federal tax dollars. So it is amongst the best ways to insure that a higher percentage of your your federal income tax payments are being spent at the local level rather than elsewhere.



Still need to complete your 2020 Census?

Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV

Census counts are completed every 10 years and the data forms the basis for federal funding which supports county education, roads, and healthcare along with many other benefits to our residents.

Respond over the phone or request a paper form by calling (844) 330-2020.

Be counted and help shape our future!

#### AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTS FLAGS TO MAYORS

The American Legion presented flags and pins to the Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto and City of Lebanon Mayor, Bernie Ash on June 19, 2020. The group met at the Wilson County Veteran's Museum to kick off the annual Field of Flags event with the presentation of flags. The American Legion was represented by Post 281 Commander Max C. Wix, Post 15 Commander Pete Norman, and Post 15 Vice Commander Harold Weist. The Field of Flags event began on July 2nd, with an opening ceremony at 1:00PM at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center and ended on July 4th. A field of 150 American flags stood at the entrance to the Agricultural Center. Proceeds from the event were distributed between the three Veteran Service Organizations in Lebanon Tennessee: The American Legion Post 15. Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 5015, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1004, which includes Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Incorporated. These organizations use the proceeds to assist veterans and families of veterans in need. Visit <a href="https://www.flagfield.us">www.flagfield.us</a> for more information on the Field of Flags event and how it provides support to our veterans.



Pictured left to right: Post 15 Commander Pete Norman, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, City of Lebanon Mayor Bernie Ash, Post 281 Commander Max Wix, as Mayor Hutto and Mayor Ash are presented with flags and pins.







UNMET NEEDS? CALL 615-270-9255 RECOVERWILSON.COM

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# FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING



Anyone with health concerns, or who has concerns about the health of a family member, is invited to come to receive testing for COVID-19. This testing will be provided at no cost to participants, and those who come for testing can remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

945 E BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087

MONDAY - FRIDAY • 9 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

THE GATE ENTRANCE IS OFF TENNESSEE BLVD

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY





## Goodwill Career Solutions Training Courses Offered

1985 Providence Parkway. Mount Juliet, TN 37122

#### Free Training Classes

#### Resume Writing Class

Employers spend an average of 15 seconds reading a resume.

Learn how to build a basic resume that will set you apart from the competition

Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuesday – 9:00 AM Wednesday – 2:00 PM Thursday – 9:00 AM

Must have completed a Resume Worksheet before attending class

#### Searching for Jobs

Learn how to jump through the hoops and improve your odds of getting those phone calls back!

Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuesday – 1:00 PM Wednesday – 9:00 AM Thursday – 1:00 PM

#### Explore Jobs Online

Get ahead of the competition by learning how to navigate and use tools with online job searching websites Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuesday – 2:00 PM Wednesday – 10:00 AM Thursday – 2:00 PM

#### Applying for Work

Learn how to fill out an application that will get you noticed and stand out to the employer Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuesday – 10:00 AM Wednesday – 1:00 PM Thursday – 10:00 AM

#### Contact Goodwill Career Solutions for more information!

Phone: 615-288-2389

# Join us to create awareness and Stop the Stigma!

#### WHEN

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30PM

#### WHERE

## Virtual meetings through Zoom until further notice

www.drugfreewilco.org

#### **FEATURING**

Guest Speakers | Our Voices | Planning Sessions | Committee Reports



#### COALITION LEADERSHIP

Tammy Grow Lt. Scott Moore Susan Shaw Michael Ayalon Tim Diffenderfer

#### NEXT MEETING

July 22, 2020 3:30PM – 4:30PM Register on Zoom at www.drugfreewilco.o rg (615) 444-1383

#### MISSION

The coalition's mission is to prevent and reduce drug misuse and addiction among youth and adults; and to provide education, communication and awareness of resources in Wilson County, TN.

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